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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES

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1. UNHCR REP (DHAR) CALLED EMBOFFS JULY 23 AND SAID THAT
DFA HAD JUST INFORMED HIM SHIP WITH 31 REFUGEES WHICH HAD
ORIGINALLY LANDED IN MINDORO HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT PROVISIONS
AND FUEL AND DEPART. DHAR EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SURPRISE
SINCE DFA CURRENTLY PREPARING RECOMMENDATION
TO INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE THAT 31 BE GRANTED ASYLUM. DHAR
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SAID HE WILL VISIT REFUGEES AT SUBIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 25 TO

DISCUSS MATTER WITH THEM PERSONALLY. HE HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONTACTING PHIL MIL LIAISON OFFICERS WHO ARE REPORTEDLY SOURCE FOR DFA'S INFORMATION ON REFUGEES DECISION.

2. IN PROVIDING DHAR WITH PARTICULARS OF YET ANOTHER BOATLOAD (14) OF REFUGEES WHICH WAS SIGHTED BY US NAVAL VESSEL ON JULY 22 AND LANDED IN THE PHILIPPINES MORNING JULY 23, EMBOFF WAS ASSURED THAT UNHCR HERE CONTINUING TO PURSUE POSITIVE LINE WITH GOP. EACH LETTER DHAR SENDS TO GOP ON REFUGEES CONTAINS STRONG ASSURANCE UNHCR WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND UNDERTAKES THEIR RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

3. COMMENT: DHAR PROMISED TO REPORT TO HIS TRIP TO SUBIC. HE SEEMED SKEPTICAL (WE FEEL RIGHTLY SO IN VIEW OF GOP ATTITUDES REPORTED REFTEL) ABOUT 31 REFUGEES DESIRE TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES. DHAR'S REFUSAL TO SIMPLY ACCEPT DFA STATEMENT ON REFUGEES AND PLAN TO CONTACT THEM PERSONALLY IS INDICATIVE OF THE RESPONSIBLE AND POSITIVE APPROACH HE HAS BEEN TAKING WITH THE BOAT CASES. SULLIVAN

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